

# St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Josh

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Josh (Room 1) and  
Neve Elliotte (Room 2) who re-joined St  
Brigid's School this term.



Neve



## WELCOME

And a big Welcome also to our three new entrants: Damian Seby, Sofia Bingley  
and Yumi Lawas who all started in Room 4 this week



Damian



Sofia



Yumi

## Principal's Message

Welcome back, it is good to welcome everyone back to school for term 4. All terms are busy but term 4 is particularly so. We continue with lively and challenging learning programmes this term with a number of exciting topics.

Of course, next week for Room 1 is Camp in and around the Queenstown area. I would like to thank Deborah Whitty for organising the camp and thanks to the parents who are going. I'm sure it will be an exciting and memorable time for all concerned. The rest of the school will be having an E.O.T.C week with visits to a number of places including the Botanic Gardens, Orokonui Ecosanctuary, Edgar Centre and the movies.

Final thoughts on what makes a Catholic School:

Our Schools are supported and maintained to be places where children encounter the living God Jesus Christ. Leaders, boards, teachers and families have a responsibility to those who have made sacrifices in the past and continue to make sacrifices in the present and for the future. A thin layer of Christianity is never enough. Therefore an encounter with Jesus must be sought through the integration of all documentation Charters, Curriculum, and policies. (We aim to further integrate the curriculum next year). Catholic schools need to strive to have Jesus at every layer of the school.

We are all called to grace, how each person gets there can be helped or hindered. Effective Catholic schools call people to know and love the grace of Jesus Christ through explicit and deliberate decisions words and actions.

Andrew Pozniak



## School Values

This term we are focusing on all of our school values

Te Tapu o te Tangata – Respect,

Atawhaitia – Care

Whakahaere – Responsibility.

## St Brigid's House Groups

### Congratulations to:

de Paul House who were the winning House this week

House Token Winners this week were:

Aubert House: Hayden Hong

McAuley House: Bear Valentine

de Paul House: Hazel Evans

**Assembly** We are excited to announce that our Friday Assemblies / Shared Prayer are making a comeback. We have three booked in for this term so please save the date as we would love you to join us. These are on in the school hall and start at 2.40pm.

Room 3 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Room 4 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Room 2 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Friday Masses** Every Friday a class celebrates Mass at 10am. (Please note there is no Mass next week due to Camp and EOTC Week)

Everyone welcome! The Mass timetable is as follows:

30<sup>th</sup> October – Room 3

6<sup>th</sup> November – Room 2

13<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School

20<sup>th</sup> November – Room 1 & 4

27<sup>th</sup> November – Room 3

4<sup>th</sup> December – Room 2

11<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School

## Dates to Remember

What's On Next Week?	
Mon 19 - Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Camp Week
	Year 1 – 4 EOTC Week
Mon 26	School Closed – Labour Day
What's On in Term 4?	
Thurs 29 Oct	School Photos
	PTA Quiz Night at Kensington
Fri 30 Oct	PTA Mufti Day
Wed 4 Nov	South Zone Athletics
Fri 6 Nov	South Zone Athletics (cancellation day)
	Assembly – Rm 3 at 2:40pm in the Hall
	PTA School Disco
Tues 10 Nov	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 11 Nov	BOT Meeting 6pm
Fri 13 Nov	PTA Mufti Day
Sun 15 Nov	First Holy Communion Preparation: Special Mass at 12pm in the Community Centre followed by Shared Lunch
Fri 20 Nov	Assembly Rm 4 at 2:40pm in the Hall
Sun 22 Nov	First Holy Communion at 9.30am at St Patrick's.
Fri 4 Dec	Assembly Rm 2 at 2:40 in the Hall
17 Dec	Last Day of the School Year – 12:30pm Finish
3 Feb 2021	First Day of Term 1

## Special Lunch Days

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Frankfurter in a Bun  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Domino's Pizza  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Frankfurter in a Bun  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Domino's Pizza  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Sausage Sizzle & Ice  
 blocks



Gemma Wilson has set up a St Brigid's School group for the Weetbix Kids TRYathlon in Dunedin which will be held on Sunday 7th March 2021.

If anyone wants to join they can use this link below which will take them to our school group page.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40598&G=119807>

### BOT News:

❖ Next meeting: Wednesday 11 November. Note change of date.

## Sports Update

Futsal Starting Dates: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October (Silver and Bronze) Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> (Gold). Draw to be advised. (See below for gear requirements).

T-Ball/Softball Start: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Flippa Ball Starts: starts this weekend. Practice at Andy Bay pool on Saturday from 11am - 12pm. Game on Sunday is at 3.25pm against St Clair. Please arrive and be ready at the poolside at least 15mins prior to the game.

Rippa Rugby: Rippa Rugby  
 Both teams have a Bye this week, so first games are November 2nd

Any sports queries please email [deborahw@stbrigidsdn.school.nz](mailto:deborahw@stbrigidsdn.school.nz)

### Futsal Gear Requirements:

- School sports uniforms (shorts and tops)
- Long socks
- Shin pads (compulsory)
- Mouth guard (optional)

## EOTC WEEK

Next Week it's EOTC WEEK! We have an amazing week planned but we need your help to ensure it runs smoothly. Please make sure that every day your child...

- has a packed lunch and named water bottle
- is wearing their sports uniform, school jersey and sports shoes (there is a lot of walking this week on all sorts of terrain!)
- has their jacket (activities are going ahead rain, hail or shine!)
- is at school no later than 8.50am (our buses and activities are booked so unfortunately we cannot wait especially on Tuesday / Orokonui Ecosanctuary Day the bus is leaving promptly at 9am)

### EOTC Week Programme

Monday – Botanic Gardens Orienteering  
 Tuesday – Orokonui Ecosanctuary  
 Wednesday – Rialto Movie Day  
 Thursday – Edgar Centre Sports Tournament  
 Friday – Wheels Day at school



### Important Reminders:

- + Parking: please park safely and appropriately when picking your children up from school.
- + Labour Day: School will be closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October.
- + Sunhats: All children must have a wide brimmed navy blue sunhat at school next week.
- + Next week: is Camp Week for Room 1 (Year 5 & 6) and EOTC Week for Room 2, 3 & 4 (Year 1-4). Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help.
- + Bookclub orders: are due back no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic. Please click on the link to take you to the Loop Page for online ordering  
<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>
- + Last Day of the Year: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. School will be closing at 12.30pm.
- + First Day of 2021: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

School Arrival and Departure Term 4: Just a reminder!

Morning Drop Off will continue to be from 8.30am and the classrooms will be open then as normal. You are also more than welcome to walk your child up the driveway in the mornings if you would like to.

Afternoon Pick Up will continue to be the same with Driveway Duty (a staff member) walking the tamariki down the driveway to Bayfield Road. At the end of the school day you are welcome to walk up the driveway and wait for your tamariki outside the classrooms.

Use of the Driveway: cars are not permitted to use the driveway between 8.30 – 9.15am and 2.45 – 3.15pm.

NZ COVID Tracer App: we will continue to support contact tracing by having QR code posters in the office and hall if you wish to keep a track of your own movements.

### RE Comment



It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission.

And every single donation from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love on this special day.

This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News.

And by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.



### PTA News

- + **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- + **Quiz Night:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October. It's not too late to get a team together for our Quiz. Funds raised are going towards playground development.
- + **Disco:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to fill out the form for entry to the Disco.
- + **PTA Mufti Days:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Gold coin Donation

Kind regards -

Andrew Pozniak & Deborah Charleson

**School Bank Account Details** (Please ensure you deposit any money into the correct account)

**Board of Trustees - School Account:**  
06 0942 0045712 00

**PTA – Fundraising Account:**  
03 1732 0001257 00

## Community News



**PARENTING COURSES**

Register now for our Parenting Groups run on Wednesdays every Term in 2020!

A child needs consistent, responsive, loving care from parents or adults in their lives. Come along to our parenting courses to learn skills and strategies to help raise the kids in your life.

Current enrolments for October 28th being taken now.

TOOLBOX COURSES:	PARENTING THROUGH TRANSITIONS	GAME ON (FOR DADS)
The Younger Years (aimed at babies to younger primary kids) on Wednesday mornings (9.30 - 11.30am)	This is a 4 week brief intervention to help people managing big changes in their family life. It is run as required with a minimum course complement of 3 participants, held on Thursday mornings between 9.30 - 11am.	Wednesday evenings (7-9pm) Starting 28th October. This group is run for Dads by Dads and over 6 weeks covers discussions around communication, discipline and how to set goals for your children's wellbeing.

Enquiries to Liz Elder  
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**TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL**

OCTOBER 17 | 10:00AM-2:30PM  
| CARISBROOK SCHOOL

GOT A SICK DOLL OR TEDDY?  
DROP IN AT THE TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL WITH YOUR TEDDY AND WHĀNAU

FREE ENTRY  
SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE  
FUN ACTIVITIES

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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Madison Bryce who gained 3rd place at the recent South Island Champs in Gore in the Pre-Elementary Grade U12.



## Congratulations

Chloe Trainor-Uluakiola!



After coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional Competitions earlier this year, Chloe and her Rasa dance crew travelled to Wellington at the end of last term for the National Hip Hop competition where they placed 2nd in New Zealand in the NZCAF division!

# THE U SHOP

Your Local Uniform Shop

84 Filleul Street, Dunedin

You will find there is plenty of parking out behind the store

With H&J Smith closing its doors in Dunedin, UNIFORM GROUP has been working with the Department store to take over their school uniform stock including the Catholic Primary School uniform.

The result is a brand new THE U SHOP retail store, which opened last week at 84 Filleul Street.